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SUBJECT: MINISTER OF FISHERIES TO VISIT YUGOSLAVIA

REF: WELLINGTON 2624, JULY 7, 1977

1. THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS), NOAA,
COMMERCE APPRECIATES ALERT REPORTING IN REFTEL AND
WISHES ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON NZ FISHERIES MINISTER
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BOLGER'S VISITS TO THE VARIOUS COUNTRIES AS IT
BECOMES AVAILABLE. NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS AND OTHER
UNCLASSIFIED REPORTS WOULD ALSO BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

2. NMFS IS CURIOUS ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A JOINT
FISHERIES VENTURE BETWEEN NEW ZEALAND AND YUGOSLAVIA.
SINCE ABOUT 1974, YUGOSLAVIA AND POLAND HAVE BEEN

MAKING PREPARATIONS TO FISH JOINTLY IN THE ATLANTIC. THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MODERN FLEET OF 23 VESSELS WAS BEGUN IN POLISH SHIPYARDS AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY 1980- THE FLEET, WHICH WILL BE MADE UP OF TRAWLERS AND FACTORY VESSELS, IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN OPERATING ON THE HIGH SEAS IN 1980. IN LIGHT OF THE NEW 200-MILE FISHERY ZONES IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC AND THE LARGE REDUCTIONS IN FISHERY ALLOCATIONS TO EAST EUROPEAN NATIONS, NMFS WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S COMMENT ON

THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE YUGOSLAVS MAY BE CONSIDERING USING THE VESSELS NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN FISHERIES OFF NEW ZEALAND. ANY INFORMATION ON THE JOINT VENTURE PROPOSAL WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

3. AS BACKGROUND, YUGOSLAVIA'S MARINE FISHERIES CATCH IN 1975 WAS 32,216 T, ALL OF WHICH CAME FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA, ACCORDING TO FAO. OF THE TOTAL, ALMOST 60 PERCENT WAS EUROPEAN PILCHARD. SMALL AMOUNTS OF NUMEROUS OTHER SPECIES CONTRIBUTED THE REMAINING 40 PERCENT.

4. NMFS WAS CONTACTED BY NEW ZEALAND EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO ARRANGE FOR A MEETING ON JULY 27 BETWEEN BOLGER AND NMFS DIRECTOR SCHONING AND HIS STAFF FOR A BRIEFING ON THE FUNCTIONING OF U.S. UNCLASSIFIED

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FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCILS, U.S. EXPERIENCE IN ENFORCING EXTENDED JURISDICTION AND RELATED SUBJECTS.

5. FOR BELGRADE AND WARSAW ONLY: A REPORT ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF YUGOSLAVIA-POLISH JOINT FISHERIES VENTURE WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

6. FOR MOSCOW, SEOUL, LONDON, OTTAWA, DUBLIN, AND TOKYO ONLY: ALERT REPORTING ON MINISTER BOLGER'S VISIT AND ANY JOINT FISHERIES VENTURES CONCLUDED OR RELATED DEVELOPMENTS WOULD BE APPRECIATED. VANCE

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